

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) operates AACOMAS®, a centralized application service for the osteopathic medical schools. The service reduces the number of initial application forms, transcripts and fees required, and streamlines the verification of your personal and academic information.

After you have consulted with your health professions advisor and determined that you wish to apply to osteopathic medical school, you should use the college information section of this book as a reference. It contains a profile of each college of osteopathic medicine, including a brief description of the campus and the curriculum, admissions criteria, minimum entrance requirements, class size and enrollment, supplemental application material requirements and application deadlines. For further information and updated tuition and fees, you should visit the website or contact colleges to view their most recent catalog. Information in this booklet is subject to change. The colleges reserve the right to alter requirements for admission at their discretion.

Osteopathic medical schools require scores from the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) to consider applicants for admission. You should arrange to have your MCAT scores forwarded to AACOMAS.

Admission to an osteopathic medical school is competitive. The schools are able to select their entering class from a large number of highly qualified applicants. For 2010, there were over 100,500 applications designated by more than 13,300 applicants for approximately 5,300 seats.

APPLY EARLY! *The application cycle begins in June. The schools operate on a rolling admissions basis, so classes may be filled before the deadline dates.* By applying early, you can ensure that your materials will be processed in a timely manner.

Applications must be completed electronically at: <https://aacomas.aacom.org>.

U.S. Transcripts

You must request the registrar of each U.S. institution you have attended to submit one complete set of official transcripts directly to AACOMAS. Include all institutions in foreign countries and U.S. territories and possessions that are operated by U.S. institutions. If an official transcript is unavailable, a letter of explanation from that school is required. Student copies of transcripts or copies sent by the applicant are not acceptable. Requests should be made to the registrar of each U.S. institution you have attended. Transfer credit(s) appearing on a transcript cannot be accepted in lieu of an original transcript from the institution where the coursework was completed. See the AACOMAS instructions on <https://aacomas.aacom.org> for more details on Study Abroad Programs, Canadian Transcripts and Other Foreign Transcripts.

Transcripts should be mailed to:

AACOMAS
1900 L Street NW, Suite 603
Washington, DC 20036
(301) 968-4190
aacomas@aacom.org

Spam Blocking & Technical Compatibility

It is the applicant's responsibility to meet compatibility requirements for computer systems involved in the application process.

Requirements for AACOMAS online include Internet access and a web browser that is configured to allow pop-up windows and other features of the secure online application. (Pop-up blocking software must be properly configured or turned off.) For complete technical requirements, please refer to the FAQs on page 21.

In addition, the e-mail address that you provide should not filter out communications regarding your application. (Spam filtering must be properly configured or disabled.) Please use a permanent e-mail address, not one that will expire when you graduate.

Application Fees

The fee for using AACOMAS is based on a graduated scale that varies according to the number of colleges you designate when you submit your application. You may request that we send a completed application to more schools for an additional fee. Payment may be made by credit card or money order only.

Application materials will not be processed until payment is received.

1 - \$175

Add \$32 for each additional designation at the time of submission.

Additional designations after the initial submission of the application **are \$50 for the first and \$32 for each additional designation.**

Money orders should be made payable to AACOMAS and sent to:

AACOMAS
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 310
Chevy Chase, MD 20015
(301) 968-4190
aacomas@aacom.org

Application Fee Waiver

A limited number of fee waivers are available to those who apply early and qualify. Fee waiver requests must be received and processed prior to submitting an AACOMAS application. Processing for fee waivers takes approximately two to four weeks from the date of receipt, so applicants should take this into consideration when planning submission of an AACOMAS application.

Review and follow the instructions at www.aacom.org/InfoFor/applicants/Pages/FeeWaiver.aspx.

As a rough guide, you may wish to apply for a fee waiver if your annual income level is within the U.S. Bureau of Census low-income threshold for your family's size. The number of fee waivers is limited, however, and financial need does not guarantee a fee waiver. The AACOMAS application fee waiver is for the AACOMAS fee only. If you receive an AACOMAS fee waiver, your name is forwarded to the osteopathic medical colleges (some may

grant a waiver of their supplemental application fee). Applicants who apply for a fee waiver and qualify financially, but whose materials are received too late to receive an AACOMAS waiver, also will have their names forwarded to osteopathic medical colleges requesting such information. Meeting AACOMAS' eligibility criterion for a fee waiver, however, does not guarantee a waiver will be granted for the supplemental fee.

For submission instructions, visit:

www.aacom.org/Infofor/applicants/Pages/FeeWaiver.aspx

Early Decision Program

Applicants may apply to those osteopathic medical colleges that offer an Early Decision Program (EDP) and will be informed about the outcome of their application early enough to apply to other schools through the regular process. EDP applicants agree to apply to only one medical school through the process. If offered an EDP acceptance, they must attend that school.

The decision to apply through the EDP should be made carefully. While criteria vary among the schools regarding their requirements, a frequent standard is that only those applicants who display exceptional credentials are admitted through the EDP process. Applicants considering an EDP application should contact the medical school admissions office for more specific information. The following colleges offer Early Decision Programs:

- A.T. Still University Kirksville COM (ATSU-KCOM)
- Rocky Vista University COM (RVUCOM)
- University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas COM (UNTHSC/TCOM)
- Edward Via COM-Virginia Campus (VCOM-VC)
- Edward Via COM-Carolinas Campus (VCOM-CC)

Application Process Guidelines

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) encourages each of its member colleges to conduct an application process that is inclusive and



professional. The purpose of these guidelines is to allow prospective students to explore their options within the osteopathic medical community, and to give the colleges of osteopathic medicine the ability to process, select and matriculate applicants in a fair and timely manner.

1. Colleges of osteopathic medicine will publish and follow an application schedule.
2. Colleges of osteopathic medicine will publish their respective application procedures and admission requirements.
3. Colleges of osteopathic medicine may begin extending offers of admission at any time after the interview. Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:
 - Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14.
 - Those accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days.
 - Those accepted between January 15 and May 14 will have 14 days.
 - Those accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit.

(Colleges may publish different offer/deposit deadlines. Please see each college's listing in this book.)

4. Colleges of osteopathic medicine are encouraged to adhere to reasonable admission fees, policies and schedules.

Prospective osteopathic medical students are expected to provide factual, accurate and complete information throughout the admission process. AACOM believes this process requires mutual respect, integrity and honesty among the colleges of osteopathic medicine and between colleges and their prospective osteopathic medical students.

Applicant Protocol

Applicants aspiring to become osteopathic physicians are expected to act professionally in their interactions with the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS), and with each college of osteopathic medicine. Responsibility, respect, good judgment, professional communication and cooperation are qualities that are valued by the osteopathic medical profession, and it is expected that applicants will demonstrate these qualities throughout the application process.

1. Applicants are expected to become familiar with admission requirements, follow application procedures and meet all deadlines at each school to which they apply.



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AACOMAS® Application for 2012

Application Status: Not Submitted to AACOMAS

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Welcome to the AACOMAS Application for 2012. Follow the steps below to submit your applications.

- * Read the [detailed instructions](#).
- * Complete [the application](#) and submit it to AACOMAS.
- * AACOMAS will send your applications to the medical schools you select.
- * Request that your transcripts be delivered to AACOMAS.
- * Request that your MCAT scores be released to AACOMAS.
- * Track the progress of your applications on this page.

Good luck!

[Past Applicants](#)

[Go to your 2011 application](#)

AACOMAS ID:

AACOMAS Status

Checklist:	
Application Submitted	No
Transcripts Received	No
Payment Received	No

The verification process will begin when all checklist boxes are marked.

Application Progress

9 of steps 11 complete

Transcripts

0 of 3 received
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MCATs

None received

SECURITY & ETHICS
Credit Card SAFE

2. Applicants are responsible for the collection and timely submission of supplemental applications, letters of evaluation, transcripts and all applicable fees.
3. Applicants are responsible for reporting and updating any changes in the initially submitted application (e.g., address, telephone number, academic status and state of residence).
4. Applicants are responsible for responding promptly to all interview invitations and offers of admission (either to accept or decline).
5. Applicants who have made a final decision regarding the medical school they plan to attend have an obligation to promptly withdraw their applications from all other schools.

AACOMAS® User Agreement

The applicant, in order to submit an application, must agree to the certifications and conditions published and available for review in the AACOMAS online application instructions at www.aacom.org/InfoFor/applicants/documents/instructions.pdf.

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Biographical

Current Address

The current address at which you reside

Street *	<input type="text"/>
City *	<input type="text"/>
State *	<input type="text"/>
County *	<input type="text"/>
Zip *	<input type="text"/>
Country *	<input type="text"/>
Telephone *	<input type="text"/>

The AACOMAS online application is designed to easily guide the applicant through the complex osteopathic medical school application process. Above are the application's home page (top) and biographical tab.

Note to applicants: Apply early and read all application directions carefully to avoid delays!

Processing begins in June. The colleges make admissions decisions on a rolling basis, so they review applications, conduct interviews, and make admissions decisions throughout the admissions cycle. Interview slots may be awarded and/or classes may be filled if you apply close to the deadlines. Submitting materials early and accurately will ensure timely processing and help avoid delays. Simply meeting the deadlines does not guarantee that appointments will be available. Your AACOMAS application must be submitted, and all official transcripts for completed coursework must be postmarked, on or before the school deadline dates listed on page 17.